(b) whether most of the unregulated business is running in North-Eastern States;

(c) whether the business, supposed to be State-run has been handed over to private players;

(d) if so, whether Government have enquired into this; and

(e) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India had conducted an audit of the State Lotteries in five States of the North East viz. Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim, Manipur and Meghalaya. No scam has been pointed in any audit report so far but reviews in the Audit Report 1997-98 of Nagaland, Audit Report 1998-99 of Meghalaya and Audit Reports 1999-2000 for Mizoram, Sikkim and Manipur have observed that agreements entered into with State Sole Distributors suffered from inconsistencies, as a result of which the State Governments had received only minimal amount as revenue out of the turnover of several thousand crore in the lottery business.

(c) to (e) Under Section 4(c) of the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998, a State Government organizing a lottery may sell the tickets either itself or through distributors or selling agents. As per available information, some State Governments have appointed sole selling agents/marketing agents.

Suicide Cases

858. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every day 297 Indian citizens commit suicide;

(b) what are the reasons for committing suicides and increase in rate of suicide; and

(c) the suicide committed by Indian citizens in last three years, year-wise and state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Information available with the National Crime Records Bureau indicate that an average of 297,303 and 304 Indian citizens committed suicide every day during 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.

(b) The rate of suicide (number of suicides per one lakh population) has been static around 10.5 for about last four years. Some of the reported reasons for committing suicides are related to economic situation, marriage, dowry, divorce, family problems, property dispute, unemployment, illness and drug abuse etc.

(c) A statement indicating number of suicides committed by Indian citizens during 2001, 2002 and 2003, as provided by National Crime Records Bureau is given in the statement.

Statement

Number of Suicides committed by Indian Citizens during 2001, 2002 and 2003

Sl. No.	State/UT	2001	2002	2003
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10522	11693	11409
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	111	114	81
3.	Assam	2647	2510	2596
4.	Bihar	603	720	599
5.	Chattisgarh	4025	3950	3919
6.	Goa	256	309	300
7.	Gujarat	4791	4644	4566
8.	Haryana	2007	2200	2227
9.	Himachal Pradesh	307	334	386
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	153	184	138
11.	Jharkhand	250	272	272
12.	Karnataka	11881	12270	12361
13.	Kerala	9572	9810	9438
14.	Madhya Pradesh	6860	6899	6762
15.	maharashtra	14618	14529	14760
16.	Manipur	41	39	26
17.	Meghalaya	87	67	41
18.	Mizoram	54	66	52
19.	Nagaland	40	27	22

1	2	3	4	5
20.	Orissa	4052	4388	4420
21.	Punjab	648	507	631
22.	Rajashtan	3195	3248	3661
23.	Sikkim	94	78	105
24.	Tamil Nadu	11290	11244	11872
25.	Tripura	854	779	844
26.	Uttar Pradesh	3516	4250	3663
27.	Uttaranchal	311	361	391
28.	West Bengal	13690	13007	13280
	Total (States)	**106475**	**108499**	**108822**
29.	A & N Islands	129	144	113
30.	Chandigarh	70	87	103
31.	D & N Haveli	50	50	52
32.	Daman & Diu	14	17	24
33.	Delhi (UT)	1239	1053	1153
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	2
35.	Pondicherry	529	567	582
	Total (UTs)	**2031**	**1918**	**2029**
	Total (All India)	**108506**	**110417**	**110851**

Donations by Religious Institutions

859. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Churches, Gurudwaras, Masjids and Temples donate crores of rupees of different social institutions and N.G.Os etc.;

(b) whether Government have control over such donations as to whether donations are used for proper purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and